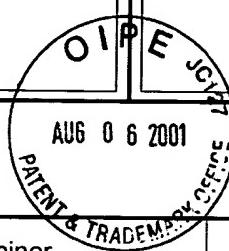


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

SIR:

This Response is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 mailed on July 2, 2001.

In the Notice, the Patent Office asserted that the previously filed Amendment (filed on May 16, 2001) is considered non-compliant because it had not been submitted in the format required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

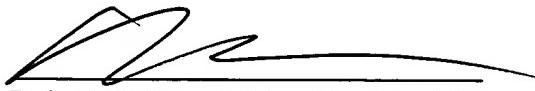
In response, Applicants have amended the previously filed Amendment which is being submitted simultaneously herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that the newly submitted Amendment fully complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of the

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